GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF DAP
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government are importing lakhs of tonnes of Di- Ammonium Phosphate (DAP);

(b) if so, the details of DAP imported during the last five years, year-wise, alongwith the cost thereof;

(c) whether the Government have set up any DAP plant in the country;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps if any, being taken to set up a DAP plant in the country to check the import of DAP?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) has been decontrolled since 24.8.1992 and itsimports have been de-canalized w.e.f. 17.9.1992 and it is freely importable on private trade account. The details of imports of DAP in the last 5 years are as follows:

(Lakh Metric Tonnes)

1997-98 - 14.60
1998-99 - 21.05
1999-2000 - 32.68
2000-2001 - 8.60
2001-02 (upto Jan.02) - 9.33

Government does not import DAP on its own account.However, in order to take care of the contingencies of local shortages etc. the Government advises Indian Potash Ltd. (IPL) to maintain a buffer stock for which only inventory carrying cost andrelated charges are reimbursed. In 2001-02, this buffer stock has been maintained at 0.75 lakh MT.

(c) to (e): As per the industrial policy resolution dated 24th July, 1991, no license is normally required for setting up/expansion of fertilizer plants. Entrepreneurs are free to set up/expand fertilizer projects anywhere in the country subject to environmental clearance. However, Public Sector Undertakings/Cooperative Societies under the administrative control of Department of Fertilizers have to take approval of the Government before undertaking such capital expenditure beyond their delegated powers. The details of major DAP projects commissioned during the 9th Plan period and under implementation at present, including those in the public/cooperative sector are given in Annexure.

ANNEXURE

MAJOR DAP PROJECTS SET UP DURING THE NINTH PLAN PERIOD

SN Name Location Sector Project Additional Month/
Capacity Year of
(in lakh TPA) Commissioning

Already Commissioned

1. Zuari Agro Chemicals Ltd., Goa DAP Expansion	Goa	Private	DAP	1.80	June'98
2. Expansion project of IFFCO Kandla (Phase-II)	Kandla, Gujarat	Coop- erative	DAP	3.70	August'99
3. Hind Lever Chemicals Ltd.	Haldia, West Bengal	Private	DAP/NPK	4.00	April'99
4. Indo Gulf Corporation Ltd., (new project)	Dahej Gujarat	Private	DAP	4.00	October 2000
5. Oswal Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd.(New)	Paradeep, Orissa	Private	DAP	15.00	April 2001
6. Godavari Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd. (GFCL)	Kakinada, A.P.	Private	DAP	2.8	Sept. 2001

Under Implementation

1. Gujarat State Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd.(DAP Expansion Project)	Sikka, Gujarat	State PSU	DAP	3.96	April 2002